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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND
RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF A DEFECTIVE RESPONSE**

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Attention: Karen Williams
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Sir:

You are requested to grant a two-month extension of time for the applicant to complete his response to the Notification of Missing Requirements dated 02 July 2001, and to charge the extension fee to Deposit Account No. 04-1644. The attorneys of record are grateful to Karen Williams, PCT Operations, for her helpful responses to their telephoned inquiries.

From those responses, the undersigned attorney understands that the Notice of Defective Translation attached to the Notification of a Defective Response dated 13 September 2001 was directed to the foreign-language texts on pages 6 and 7 of the drawings and to claim 13 on page 16 of the English translation of the

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International application, as filed, which claim did not appear to correspond in its dependency to the same claim in International Publication No. WO 00/30429.

Furthermore, the undersigned attorney understand that the proposed amendments to the claims, as filed, should be again presented via a Preliminary Amendment conforming to current practice.

Regarding the foreign-language texts on pages 6 and 7 of the drawings, copies of those pages are appended, on which English-language legends translating the translatable terms on the foreign-language texts on those pages have been applied. The appended legends obscure portions of the drawings on those pages.

Regarding claim 13 on page 16 of the English translation of the International application, as filed, a substitute page is appended, on which the English translation of claim 13 has been corrected to show that claim 13 depended on claim 12, not on "claims 12 or 13."

Furthermore, a Preliminary Amendment conforming to current practice and amending the claims, as filed, is being filed herewith. The pages submitted previously and headed "Changes have been made in the following claims" have been incorporated in the Preliminary Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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